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THE CID<sup>1</sup>

d. 1099

RUY DIAZ DE BIVAR CID

A descendant of one of the proudest families of Castile. A commander of royal troops under SANCHE II. In the war between SANCHE II & his brother ALFONSO VI of LEON, the CID by a wily stratagem gained the victory for SANCHE. When SANCHE was assassinated, the CID required his liege to clear himself of all suspicion of guilt in Sancho's death before homage could be rendered

to him. This caused the King ALFONSO, to  
banish the Cid in 1081. He joined the  
MOORS at SARAGOSSA and fought against  
Christians and Moslems. He was reconciled  
with the King, Alfonso, for a short time, when  
he was again exiled. He now fought against  
the MOORS and made himself LORD of  
VALENCIA for 5 yrs. He died in grief  
over the defeat of a friend in arms  
in 1099. Many Romances were written  
around his name, and he is still  
one of the popular heroes in Spain.

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(1048-1118) ALEXIUS I COMNENUS

one of the ablest rulers of the Byzantine Empire (1081-1118). The son of John Comnenus and nephew of the emperor Isaac Comnenus. His soldiers raised him to the throne to take the place of old NICEPHORUS BOTANATES who was obliged to retire to a monastery. He was everywhere surrounded by foes who invaded his empire. To protect

himself from the SELJUKIAN TURKS he called  
upon Pope URBAN II for help. This brought  
about the First Crusade. He stayed the  
fall of the Byzantine Empire during his  
long reign of 37 years

Alexios I Comnenus deposed  
Nicephorus.

This dynasty (Comneni) rule for  
a century.

Robert Guiscard besieged Durazzo  
and defeated the Byzantines.

Henry II invaded Italy and besieged  
Gregory VII in Rome.

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Worms Cathedral was begun

c1250 completed  
double-choired  
double-towered

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The decline of Constantinople dates from 1081 when ALEXIUS COMNENUS gained the city through treachery and took the throne. The city was plundered by his followers and the inhabitants insulted without discrimination.

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ALEXIUS COMNENUS seized  
Byzantine throne and eventually  
turned to Western Europe  
for aid against the  
Turks.

1081-1118

Alexius I Comnenus was Byzantine Emperor.

1081-1161

Abbat SUGER

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Eastern Empire

ALEXIUS I (COMNENUS) is  
emperor.